

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>PIGGOTT JULIE A</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>2650 Lou Menk Drive</b>  (Street) <b>Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <b>10/01/2009</b>	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE CORP [BNI]</b>		
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>VP &amp; Controller</b>		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	5,983.754	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	268	I	By 401(k)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	04/29/2014	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	3,054	\$32.72	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	04/29/2014	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	546(2)	\$32.72	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	05/02/2015	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	2,031	\$49.21	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	05/02/2015	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	4,899	\$49.21	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	04/27/2016	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	1,245	\$80.17	D	

Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	04/27/2016	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	3,755	\$80.17	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	04/26/2017	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	7,300	\$88.77	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	05/01/2018	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	7,870	\$105.23	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(7)	04/27/2019	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	12,450	\$64.97	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PIGGOTT JULIE A 2650 Lou Menk Drive Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830			VP & Controller	

## Signatures

/s/ Julie A. Piggott, by Judy K. Carter, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

10/02/2009

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The option vested in three equal annual installments on April 29, 2005, April 29, 2006 and April 29, 2007.
- (2) Represents the number of underlying shares that remain exercisable.
- (3) The option vested in three equal annual installments on May 2, 2006, May 2, 2007 and May 2, 2008.
- (4) The option vested in three equal annual installments on April 27, 2007, April 27, 2008 and April 27, 2009.
- (5) The option is exercisable in three equal annual installments. The first two installments became exercisable on April 26, 2008 and April 26, 2009, and the remaining installment will become exercisable on April 26, 2010.
- (6) The option is exercisable in three equal annual installments. The first installment became exercisable on May 1, 2009, and the remaining two installments will become exercisable on May 1, 2010 and May 1, 2011.
- (7) The option will become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning April 27, 2010.

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